

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Setting up a procedure of a communication taking place between at least two instances, with one instance being a protocol tester, includes the steps executable on the protocol tester of a) selecting the instances involved in the communication; b) selecting a protocol layer on the basis of which the communication between the selected instances is to take place; c) selecting abstract communication interfaces of the protocol layer which are involved in the communication; d) selecting communication data; e) setting up a communication procedure that is executable between the instances through the protocol tester on the basis of the selections, with the communications data selection being made graphically and with the parameters so selectable being allocated description files used for setting up the communication procedure that is executable between the instances, with the communications data selection being a graphic configuration of a communication sequence between the instances involved with a user being able to define within the communication data graphically a message from one instance to the other instance which contains a variable wherein the other instance performs one of several activities as a function of the content of the variable.